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1. THE CORRECTION OF OUR HIGH LEVEL AID-MEMOIRE ON AWACS WILL RUB THE DUTCH IN THE WRONG PLACE. AS OUR PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES, THE GON AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AWACS AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME FEELING THAT THE USG WAS PERHAPS MORE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE EUROPEANS TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL THAN TO ENGAGE IN GENUINE CONSULTATION TOWARDS A COMMON CONCLUSION. ABSENCE OF A COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BOTHERED MOD VREDELING AND CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF LT. GEN WIJTING.

2. WIJTING HAS ALREADY INFORMED US THAT VREDELING IMMEDIATELY FOCUSED ON THE PASSAGE IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ABOUT COST EFFECTIVENESS. WHEN MOD CHECKED REFERENCES AND FOUND THIS WAS NOT WHAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD IN EFFECT SAID, THERE WAS DISAPPOINTMENT AS WELL AS ANNOYANCE.

3. IN INFORMING RECIPIENTS OF AIDE-MEMOIRE OF THE CORRECTION WE ARE PUTTING BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON SITUATION. HOWEVER, ATMOSPHERE HERE IS PROBABLY NOW EVEN LESS PROPITIOUS THAN BEFORE FOR FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES. WE BELIEVE DUTCH MILITARY AND POLITICAL OFFICIALS WILL DETERMINETHEIR POSITION ON AWACS ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING ANY COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY, AND WILL NOT BE RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER RATIONALE THAT THEY SUSPECT IS PRIMARILY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND PARTISAN.

4. AIR ATTACHE HAS ALSO REPORTED ALONG FOREGOING LINES THROUGH HIS CHANNELS.
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